

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to comply with 35
U.S.C. § 120.

Claims 3-13 from the parent application have been
cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1 and 2,
which were non-elected in the parent application, are
pending for examination.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to
Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required
by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that
Account. If any extension of time is required in
connection with the filing of this paper and has not been
requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

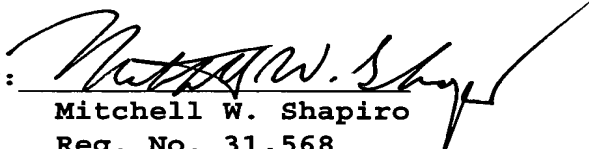
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